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From:

WASHINGTON

To:

MOSCOW

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[75 groups unrecoverable][i]

[The remainder of the text of this message (468 groups) has been largely recovered. It is part of a Russian translation of telegram No. 1517 of 7th March 1945 from Lord Halifax (British Ambassador in WASHINGTON) to the Foreign Office. The telegram was repeated to MOSCOW.]

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Comments: [i] This is probably material from "H"/HOMER, i.e. a telegram stolen by MACLEAN, c.f. WASHINGTON's 1788, 1791, 1793 of 29th March, 1945 (3/NBF/T1725, 1726, 1727), 1808-1809 of 30th March, 1945 (3/NBF/T1728) and 1826 of 31st March, 1945 (3/NBF/T1730). The 75-group gap presumably contains the introductory remarks by the WASHINGTON MGB officer and the beginning of the text of the stolen telegram.

[ii] VADIM: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.

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